

Communication from Public

Name: Estela Avalos

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 05:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Council members, please allow 1. for the number of city council districts to grow from 15-25. We have one of the largest cities and need more people to hear constituents. 2. Allow the chief of police to remove officers that have committed repeated harm to people and communities. Even if an officer has one offense that's grave, they shouldn't be allowed to continue working with the public. 3. Please ensure that lapd honors ordinances passed through normal city council processes. 4. Also, please allow for an office of legislative council to handle the legislation that's assigned to the current Attorney General's Office. Thank you, Estela Avalos

Communication from Public

Name: Dusty Perkins

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 05:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, As a citizen of this city, I am excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter to address longstanding structural issues needed to improve our city. We have waited long enough for the following four charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: 1. Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 2. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm 3. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, some council members have expressed the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible: the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. 4. Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office Part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying the authority of elected officials to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. I hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Dustin Perkins

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy P.

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 04:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council Members, Angelenos have waited long enough for meaningful charter reform. We want meaningful reform now, not in 2028, or possibly later. Please pass the following reforms supported by residents and the LA City Charter Reform Commission to the full Council now, for inclusion on the November 2026 ballot: 1) Expanding the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 2) Lowering the Voting Age to 16 3) Ensuring LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes 4) Allowing the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm Altogether, these charter reforms create a new vision of city governance rooted in and shaped by the perspectives of communities of color, low-income communities, and other system-impacted communities. Give our residents the hope and progress they deserve and need. A city government that is more representative, responsive, and accountable in addressing the issues and needs of Los Angeles' diverse communities. I urge you to advance expansion, lowering the voting age, Council power to make LAPD policy, and Police Chief power to remove bad officers. Please move these to the full Council now, and then to the November 2026 ballot. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Eliasoph

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 04:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please support ranked choice voting. It's obvious from our recent elections that a lot of people hedge their bets in a really bad way, rather than necessarily voting for the candidates whose positions they like the best. Ranked choice voting would give City Council more INFORMATION about what we voters actually want and believe, rather than how we are trying to pick someone who got enough funding to win.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachael Johnson

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 04:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, thank you for your work in helping to improve the lives of Angelenos. We need better representation, police accountability, and ranked choice voting in the city of Los Angeles. This city is massive and our current system of representation leaves many of us underrepresented. Police accountability is of vital importance to keeping our communities safe. A lack of trust in the police leaves people vulnerable and prohibits the police from properly doing their job. We also need ranked choice voting in the city of Los Angeles. Angelenos deserve to have their voice heard. Ranked choice voting allows everyone to vote in accordance with their values. Voting is sacred to our democracy and will be best protected by ranked choice. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment, and for your dedication to this city and the people who live here.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophia Kingsley
Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 04:48 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, New York City has 51 city council districts. Chicago has 50. Surely Angelenos merit 25 districts as a bare minimum ratio of elected representatives to residents? I have full confidence in the work of the Charter commission over the past year. Why push these decisions down the road and duplicate the commission's work? We have waited long enough for the following four LA Forward charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25; Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm; Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes. Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fourth priority reform: Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office. At LA Forward, we are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Sophia Kingsley

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 04:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As Executive Director of the Venice Beach BID, I support the proposal to double the Department of Recreation and Parks' Charter allocation-- the minimum level of city funding set in the City Charter-- from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, phased in over four years. Parks matter to me, as an administrator of a Business Improvement District, because parks are an integral part of the vibrancy, culture, and public space in both neighborhoods and commercial districts. Parks are a representation of how we as a city take care of our public spaces and must be resourced adequately in order to accomplish this.



Re: Council File 26-0489 — Support for Amending Charter Section 593 to Double the Department of Recreation and Parks Minimum Allocation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposal to double the Department of Recreation and Parks' Charter allocation — the minimum level of city funding set in the City Charter — from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, phased in over four years.

Parks matter to me, as an administrator of a Business Improvement District, because parks are an integral part of the vibrancy, culture, and public space in both neighborhoods and commercial districts. Parks are a representation of how we as a city take care of our public spaces and must be resourced adequately in order to accomplish this.

Los Angeles parks serve 4 million Angelenos across 500 parks and 16,000 acres. The Department operates 123 recreation centers, 29 senior centers, 59 pools, and 411 playgrounds — basic city services that every neighborhood depends on. Yet the City's own 2025 Park Needs Assessment confirms what we already know: our parks are underfunded and falling behind. LA spends just \$92 per resident on parks compared to \$283 in peer cities, more than 1.5 million residents lack a park within a 10-minute walk of home, and the Department has lost 28% of its full-time staff and 62% of its part-time staff since 2008.

Parks are among the last truly free spaces for Angelenos. They protect public health, reduce extreme heat, and provide green space and clean air in neighborhoods that need it most. They are basic services essential to a livable, sustainable city — and investing in them is a choice about what kind of Los Angeles we want to be.

This is a correction. Since 2009, a change in city fiscal policy has required parks to pay overhead charges — costs that the City covers for most other departments. Those charges have grown every year, and today 40% of the parks budget is returned to the City before a single park opens its doors. Doubling the Charter allocation would bring the parks budget to approximately \$596 million — almost exactly what the City's own Park Needs Assessment identifies as the annual operating need.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, advocates and Councilmembers have recommended a four-year phase-in, modeled on Measure L — the same approach that restored the Library after voters approved it in 2011 by 63%. That timeline is the responsible path: it gives the City time to plan while ensuring the full correction is achieved. A longer phase-in or a partial increase would fall short of the need the City's own numbers have already established.

I urge the City Council to place this measure on the November 2026 ballot and let Angelenos decide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eleni Polakoff'.

Eleni Polakoff
Executive Director, Venice Beach BID

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Saenz

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 03:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the L.A. City Council, I am writing in support of the proposal to double the Department of Recreation and Parks' Charter allocation from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value, phased in over four years. I walk and drive to Westchester Park almost every day of the week, for tennis, the Senior Center, the Library, community meetings, and to walk in the Park and sometimes weed and mulch trees. Parks are critical to a healthy community and maintaining property values. Despite this, L.A. parks and recreation programs are woefully underfunded. I see Rec and Parks staff working tirelessly under impossible conditions, dealing with spotty internet service, crumbling infrastructure, staff shortages, aging trees, parking lots that haven't been resurfaced in years, and so many more hazards that could result in City liability for injuries. We need healthy parks to keep Angelenos of all ages healthy and thriving. I urge the City Council to put this proposal on the ballot for voters to show their support. When citizens see that the City values its precious parks, the citizens can be counted on to reciprocate and spread more goodwill throughout our City. Let's vote in favor of a better quality of life. Thanks and kind regards, Kathy Saenz Westchester Park Advisory Board member

Communication from Public

Name: David Welch

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 03:05 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I was deeply disappointed to see the report from the Chief Legislative Analyst recommending to delay most charter reforms and not put them on the November ballot. These are thoughtful, urgently needed reforms, and I strongly recommend you put them to voters. In particular I support: - Expanding the Council size so LA residents have better representation - Ranked choice voting so voters can better express their choice in candidates - Police accountability reforms - Dedicated funding for Public Works, and increasing funding for Parks & Rec This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink how our city works — and voters deserve the opportunity to weigh in on these issues themselves. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Charles Lusher

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Name: Steven Wilson

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Name: Kelly W.

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Name: Andrew Rudick
Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 02:55 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached PDF.

From: Andrew Rudick
To: Los Angeles City Council
Matter: CF:26-0489, CLA Report dated 6/10/26
Comment Submitted: 6/11/26

Los Angeles City Council,

In the Charter Reform Commission's (CRC) Final Report, "police" was mentioned **134 times**. "Board of Police Commissioners" was referenced **35 times**. ***See pages 217-232 of the Charter Commission's Final Report*** for critical constitutional and institutional concerns which have been studied and reported extensively.

The CRC Final Report ultimately made LAPD reform a watershed issue—to highlight what commissioners overwhelmingly heard in feedback from the public, as a desire and mandate to effect change through law enforcement accountability.

This CLA's report does not reflect the merits of the CRC's Final Report, the public's exhaustive comments and submissions and presentations; and I'll go as far to say, suspiciously so.

The untimeliness and delays of the Charter Commission's official recommendations from City leadership is an abrogation of duty on this issue (likely in part due to a lack of resources in the CLA's office to timely and accurately review the CRC's report, but who knows), and an embarrassment.

This Council, on this issue, should not adopt the CLA's recommendations to sit on your hands while taxpayers and residents directly suffer this City's incompetence.

Please introduce to voters the amendments and/or additional language to Section 571(b), Sections 574 & 577, Section 1070, and the other commonsense proposals your legislative teams may have followed, in addition to consideration of neutral and unbiased expert assessments. "Further study" is a copout for the provisions which have been studied, and unacceptable.

Until a measurable change in LAPD misconduct and liability from those serving as sworn public peace officers/employees of L.A. City is achieved, contingency measures should prevail as a check on a department consistently and unnecessarily costing local taxpayers tens of millions of dollars per year.

Some select quotes from the Charter Commission's Final Report:

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hHa0OLsFg9EmPPI06QgUsGfzTKwQgOtp/view>)

"What We Heard [...] Police accountability gaps remain – The City Council should have authority to enforce accountability policies." –Pg. 2 of the CRC Report.

"Theme 2: Rebuild Trust Through Accountability [...] Strengthen police accountability with Council oversight authority." –Pg. 3 of the CRC Report.

"Why It Matters: Closes gap where Police Commission can ignore Council policy directives. Ensures democratic accountability over policing policy." –Pg. 36 of the CRC Report

"What It [the Charter provision recommendation] Does: "Solidifies Chief of Police authority to pursue removal of officers with documented, repeated misconduct. Gives City Council override authority if Chief and Board of Rights decline to terminate or choose to terminate." –Pg. 36 of the CRC Report.

It also shouldn't have to be said, but apparently it does: please increase the damn size of the Council. This isn't the nineteenth century.

Finally, the City Attorney, who was recently somewhat historically defeated days ago in a primary nominating election, should not be reporting back on anything related to the Charter recommendations, given the City Attorney's history, fiscal mismanagement, and retaliatory behavior (in my opinion).

Sincerely,

Andrew Rudick

Council Authority Over Police Policies

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sec. 571. Board of Police Commissioners.

(a) Members of the Board of Police Commissioners shall serve for a maximum of two five-year terms, except that a member may serve up to two years of an unexpired term plus two terms of five years. A member of the Board of Police Commissioners shall be limited to two consecutive one-year terms as President of the Board of Police Commissioners.

(b) The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the power to:

(1) issue instructions to the Chief of Police concerning the exercise of the authority conferred on the Chief of Police by the Charter, other than the disciplinary authority conferred by Section 1070. The authority of the Board of Police Commissioners to issue such instructions shall not be exclusive and shall not supersede the authority of Council to adopt ordinances governing the policies of the Chief of Police and Police Department. In the event of a conflict between instructions issued by the Board of Police Commissioners and ordinances adopted by Council, the ordinances of the Council shall prevail;

(2) evaluate the Chief of Police annually, set or adjust the compensation for the Chief of Police within the salary guidelines established by Council after recommendations concerning those guidelines have been made to the Council by the City Administrative Officer; and forward a copy of the evaluation and salary determination to the Mayor and Council for information;

(3) appoint and remove an Executive Director whose position shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of the Charter and who shall not be a member of the Police Department; and

(4) appoint and remove an Inspector General of the Police Department subject to Section 245, whose position shall be exempt from the civil service provisions of Article X of the Charter and who shall not be a member of the Police Department.

Protect First Amendment Rights

Sec. 574. Powers and Duties of the Chief of Police.

The chief administrative officer of the Police Department shall be known as the Chief of Police. Subject to the provisions of the Charter, the rules of the Police Department, applicable ordinances, and the instruction of the Board of Police Commissioners, the Chief of Police shall have the power and duty to:

(a) suppress all riots, disturbances and breaches of the peace, and to that end may call on any person for aid. The Chief may pursue and arrest, within the limits of the City, any person fleeing from justice, and shall without delay bring all persons arrested by the department before a judge of the proper court for trial or examination. The Chief may receive and execute any proper authority for the arrest and detention of criminals fleeing or escaping from places outside the City. The Chief shall ensure that the Police Department supports and protects the constitutional rights of all persons, regardless of immigration status, to peacefully assemble and protest, and of duly authorized representatives of any news service, online news service, newspaper, or radio or television station or network to report on such assemblies and protests. Peaceful protest is not the same as violence or rioting, and the Chief shall ensure that the Police Department avoids using violent means to manage peaceful crowds;

(b) administer the affairs of the department as its chief administrative officer, except as to matters under the control of the Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners;

(c) appoint, discharge, discipline, transfer and issue instructions to the employees of the department, other than the Secretary of the Board, the chief accounting employee of the department, the Inspector General of the Police Department and his or her staff, the Executive Director of the Board and his or her staff, all subject to the civil service provisions of the Charter;

(d) consistent with due process and applicable laws, directly remove officers from employment if those officers have caused, engaged in, are causing harm, or engaging in any misconduct;

~~(de)~~ expend the funds of the department, except those funds under the control of the Executive Director, in accordance with the provisions of the budget appropriations or of appropriations made after adoption of the budget;



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Safety with accountability.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY OVER POLICE POLICIES

What It Does: City Council will retain policy authority over the Police Department and if there were to be a conflict between instructions issued by the Board of Police Commissioners and ordinances adopted by the City Council that the Council's ordinances would prevail

Why It Matters: Closes gap where Police Commission can ignore Council policy directives. Ensures democratic accountability over policing policy

Charter Impact: New provision establishing Council authority

PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR OFFICERS

What It Does: Requires City to purchase liability insurance of at least \$1 million per officer, with \$50/month contribution per officer, indexed to CPI. Insurance pays settlements before tapping the General Fund

Why It Matters: Reduces taxpayer burden for officer misconduct settlements and creates financial accountability

Charter Impact: New section establishing liability insurance requirement

STRENGTHEN REMOVAL AUTHORITY

What It Does: Solidifies Chief of Police authority to pursue removal of officers with documented, repeated misconduct. Gives City Council override authority if Chief and Board of Rights decline to terminate or choose to terminate

Why It Matters: Adds accountability layer for officers with patterns of harm. Provides democratic check on administrative decisions

Charter Impact: Amendment to disciplinary authority provisions

PROTECT FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

What It Does: Explicitly protects protest and First Amendment rights in the Charter, requires LAPD to protect constitutional rights.

Why It Matters: Affirms city's commitment to constitutional rights and establishes clear standards for police response to protests

Charter Impact: New Charter provision protecting assembly and speech rights

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Name: Colleen Evanson

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Communication from Public

Name: Johanna Siegmann

Date Submitted: 06/10/2026 05:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support including Ranked Choice Voting in the City Charter reform recommendations for the November 2026 ballot. Ranked Choice Voting gives voters more voice and more meaningful choice. Instead of being forced to choose only one candidate, voters can rank candidates in order of preference. If a voter's first choice does not have enough support, their vote can still count toward their next choice. This is a simple, fair, and more democratic way to conduct elections. It can reduce the pressure to vote "strategically," encourage more candidates to run, and give voters more freedom to support the candidates who best represent them. It also helps loosen the stranglehold of the two-party system by making room for a broader range of candidates and ideas. Ranked Choice Voting can also make it harder for special interests to dominate elections by simply trying to "back the right horse." When voters can rank multiple candidates, elections become less about narrowing the field early and more about earning broader public support. Los Angeles should give voters the opportunity to consider Ranked Choice Voting as part of meaningful charter reform. I urge the Rules Committee and the City Council to advance Ranked Choice Voting for the November 2026 ballot.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Carson

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 09:01 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached file from the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles.



July 10, 2026

Esteemed Councilmembers,

The Rules Committee has the formidable responsibility of recommending to City Council Charter Amendments to put before voters in November. It's critical that these recommendations reflect the enormous amount of time and energy expended by the Charter Reform Commission as well as the community presentations and hundreds of public comments. Unfortunately, the June 10 CLA report ignores some of the most important issues raised by the people of Los Angeles.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles appreciates the Rules Committee attention to what necessarily belongs in our Charter and what can be addressed through Administrative Code. To that end, we lift the following priorities for Charter reform:

- **CRC 12:** Expanding City Council to 25 Councilmembers in 2032
- **CRC 28:** Authorizing the Ethics Commission to retain its own independent legal counsel & staff
- **CRC 29:** Increasing the Ethics Commission's Charter-guaranteed minimum annual budget to \$10 million
- **CRC 35:** Allowing alternative public campaign financing systems to be used in the future
- **CRC 54:** Specifying that ordinances adopted by the City Council supersede the authority of the Board of Police Commissioners
- **CRC 58:** Specifying that the Chief of Police has the power to directly remove LAPD officers who have caused harm or engaged in any misconduct

Additionally, regarding **CRC 66 Decennial Charter Review**, we note the CLA report references the Rules Committee recommendation that the Charter Review Commission begin their work in years ending in 7. It is our experience that this timing will, in fact, overburden the City, which will be required to focus on preparing for the census at that time. The original recommendation that a Decennial Charter Review begin their work in years ending in 4 would avoid that conflict.

We look forward to an effective and efficient Los Angeles City government that ensures transparency, accountability, equity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Chris Carson, Chair
Committee on Government Reform
League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles

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Name: Michael Phaneuf

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:10 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Ben Warga

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:24 AM

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Name: Soham Patel

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:10 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, I am excited to see a revision to the LA Charter after 27 years and our population growing almost eightfold! Please pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: 1. Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 2. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm 3. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes 4. Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney Additionally I urge you to support the Charter Reform proposal to give the Controller an independent budget of no less than 0.42% of the City's General Fund. This is important to me because the Controller should be able to watch over my tax dollars with true independence. An independent budget would ensure that the Controller can perform their watchdog duties over City Hall without risking political retaliation. Thank you Resident of Highland Park and lifelong Angelo

Communication from Public

Name: Darin McKenna
Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:19 AM
Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, We have waited long enough for the following four LA Forward charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 - Please do NOT make voters wait any longer to vote on city council expansion. Keeping this from November's ballot will rightfully be viewed as a power grab by the current City Council. With the current proposal's timeline for expansion being 2032, there is AMPLE time for any additional organizational and implementational decision making. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm - Keeping this from November's ballot will rightfully be viewed as support for officers with a history of misconduct, and their future indiscretions will be traced back to the current City Council. This is a common sense police reform measure. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes - Keeping this from the November ballot will rightfully be viewed as rejecting civilian input into police matters, and a vote for police to have unchecked power. Common sense police reform requires multiple avenues for accountability, and we will remember who the current City Council is choosing to protect. Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fourth priority reform: Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office At LA Forward, we are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly

that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Darin McKenna

Communication from Public

Name: Shona Ganguly

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:53 AM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of doubling the parks allocation in the city charter reform process to .065% to increase investment in our community parks and open space. I live in Shadow Hills in the San Fernando Valley, and I have seen the need for more operations and maintenance of local parks from Sun Valley to South LA. As a mother of three boys, parks and open space are critical infrastructure for our family and communities to support our wellbeing and health. Also, as a life-long environmentalist, investing in parks and open space is an essential way to protect biodiversity and enable access to nature for communities who would not otherwise be able to enjoy wild lands. I urge you to support doubling the percentage to fund the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department that services millions of residents.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask you to support the Charter Reform Commission's recommendation to DOUBLE the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)'s charter allocation — and to vote YES to place this measure on the November ballot. The City-commissioned Parks Needs Assessment, developed with input from over 100,000 Angelenos, identified over \$2 billion in deferred maintenance and a \$14.76 billion gap to reach peer-city service levels. Doubling RAP's allocation from 0.0325% to 0.065% of assessed property value — phased in over four years — would begin to close this gap and restore the parks, programs, and staff our communities depend on. We've done this before: in 2011, LA voters approved Measure L to increase the Library's allocation, and it passed with 63% approval. Polling shows 8 out of 10 LA voters already support additional park funding. The public is ready. We need our Council to act. Fund our parks now. Double Recreation and Parks' allocation. Vote YES to move this to the November ballot.

Communication from Public

Name: Jake

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:11 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to demand you pass the following charter reform priorities to full Council and ensure we, the voters, get a chance to approve them on the November Ballot: 1. Expand the City Council from 15 to 25 seats to reduce district size and allow Council members to better focus their efforts to serve their communities. 2. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with histories of repeated harm. 3. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes. 4. Give the Controller an independent budget of no less than 0.42% of the City's General Fund and allow the Controller's office to perform its watchdog duties over City Hall without risking political retaliation. 5. Implement ranked-choice voting into our elections, which would give voters more meaningful choices, encourage candidates to build broader coalitions in order to get elected, and reduce election-related costs for taxpayers. All of these priorities are designed to strengthen representation and build trust in local government. By ensuring they become ballot measures in November, you will show us that you want to be our partners in making Los Angeles the city we all know it could be. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicolas Dahlquist

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:34 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of adopting Ranked Choice Voting for Los Angeles City Council elections. Ranked Choice Voting strengthens democracy by ensuring winners reflect broader consensus, eliminating the spoiler effect, and reducing the influence of negative campaigning. It also consolidates elections, saving the city money and improving voter turnout by removing the need for low-participation runoffs. I want to echo the strong support that has been voiced by members of the public throughout this commission's comment sessions. That sustained civic engagement reflects genuine community demand for a more representative electoral system. I urge the commission to act on that mandate and recommend RCV for adoption. Thank you for your service to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Olga Lexell

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:40 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please support the expansion of the city council, ranked choice voting, and LAPD reform.

Communication from Public

Name: Iris Sullivan

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:51 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm writing from East Los Angeles to voice my support for council expansion, ranked choice voting, more LAPD oversight, and all 6 controller recommendations, especially for independent budget. I love LA, and I want to make this city as great as it can be. Thank you for your consideration for the following policies and please pass each of them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: It's IMPERATIVE that City Council supports the following charter reforms: council expansion, capital infrastructure program, and more LAPD accountability. These are broadly popular, common sense reforms that could improve the lives of everyday Angelenos. 1. LA has 15 council districts for 4 million people, while NYC has 51 districts and Chicago, A SMALLER CITY THAN LA, has 50. 2 LA councilmembers essentially represent the entire population of the state of Wyoming. As a constituent of CD11, I have firsthand knowledge of feeling neglected by my councilmember. Our priorities don't align, she only comes into my neighborhood when there's an upcoming election, and her office responds to my emails at a 50% rate. My neighbors and I deserve better. We deserve a councilmember who actually lives in our neighborhood and understands firsthand the challenges we're facing and our needs. Every Angeleno deserves a councilmember like this. Expanding the council is a common sense proposal that would win by a landslide if put on the Nov ballot. Not doing so would be a disservice to the Angelenos who voted the council into power in the first place. 2. Angelenos also deserve better infrastructure. We need a capital infrastructure program (CIP) to account for all of LA's infrastructure needs and provide a plan based on equity and citywide priorities. The system is so fragmented and inequitable right now. The squeakiest wheel gets the grease, while higher priority, more impactful projects remain ignored. Seemingly easy, low-hanging fruit projects like bike lanes take years, due to a lack of collaboration between city depts. Is it any wonder Angelenos have no faith in their city government? It takes LA 3 years to complete a single bike lane, while Mayor Mamdani in NYC paved 8000 potholes in a day. We know that we're not paving enough lane-miles a year, but it's because we don't have a clear map on priorities and infrastructure needs. LA is the only major city in the country to not have one, and it shows, in our sidewalks, our roads, our streetlights. Again, this is a common sense proposal that would be overwhelmingly supported by Angelenos who are tired of seeing the city not perform basic maintenance work on commonly used infrastructure. We deserve working streetlights to keep neighborhoods lit, well paved roads, and safe sidewalks for pedestrians of all abilities and ages. Refusing to bring this to a

ballot is a cowardly, shameful move. 3. Lastly, Angelenos deserve accountability from the LAPD. We have seen time and time again that LAPD continues to operate outside of any efforts to keep them accountable for their cruel, inhumane, and sometimes illegal actions. And yet, they continue to hog a large percentage of the city budget, despite the fact that they are funded by taxpayers. It's about damn time that we hold them accountable, and that starts now. The city council should have oversight and authority over LAPD, and the Chief of Police should be allowed to remove officers for misconduct. I'm so tired of saying this, but these are basic, common-sense proposals that would be overwhelmingly supported by fed-up Angelenos if placed on the ballot. We would not allow an average Angeleno to commit a crime and get away with it, and yet, under the current, nonexistent oversight standards afforded to LAPD, we allow LAPD officers to do just that, even when there's been a clear history of this kind of behavior. It's unfair, unjust, and it needs to end NOW. Thanks for reading, and I hope you'll move forward with putting these proposals on the ballot. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enact some real change in the city, and I hope the council won't let us down by slowing down the momentum and requesting for "further study."

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Approve Rank Choice voting! Increase LAPD oversight--they currently take so much of our budget because of THEIR inability to follow the law. Fix that. Please also approve all recommendations handed over by LA CITY CONTROLLER KENNETH MEJIA. He was re-elected because we, the people of Los Angeles, want Independent oversight of our tax money. The city controller should also have their own budget allocated so that they can continue to tackle rampant fraud and recover our tax money when needed. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Elisabeth

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 08:24 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I urge city council to do the following as it pertains to the proposed LA Charter reforms: 1- Support the expansion of city council. 15 council members for a city of 4 million people is insanity. We need more representation. 2- Support implementing ranked choice voting. 3- Support Increased LAPD oversight. I would like to add that LAPD is repeatedly ignoring the law and draining the city's budget with frequent lawsuits filed against officers who've violated peoples' right etc. That money should be coming out of LAPD's budget. 4- Support all six Controller recommendations, with emphasis on an independent budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie T

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 08:25 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: We have waited long enough for the following charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: 1. Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 2. Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm 3. Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes 4. Conduct elections for City offices and members of the Board of Education using ranked choice voting Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up the fifth priority reform: 5. Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office It's time to build trust with the larger public.

Communication from Public

Name: Naomi McArthur

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 08:48 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, My name is Naomi McArthur, I'm a resident of council district 11, and I urge you to support and expedite the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting in the city of Los Angeles. As I understand from recent council meetings, you are uncertain and want more research before making a decision. While I understand the impulse, I would encourage you to move more urgently and get the decision in front of voters as soon as possible. The case for ranked choice voting is simple: it creates better electoral outcomes, voters like it, and it saves money. 1. It's common knowledge that voter turnout is low. Many younger voters believe that their votes don't matter, and sometimes, with the structure of our elections, it can really feel that way. With our current voting system, we can elect someone to office who has a minority of support. Over the last 20 years of Ranked Choice Voting elections in California cities, 73% of voters rank the winning candidate among their top 3 choices. The winners of these elections have affirmative support from the voters, in a way that is empowering and energizing for voters. Isn't that the point of a democratic process after all? 2. Some claim Ranked Choice Voting is confusing, but among Bay Area voters (where they use Ranked Choice Voting), 92% understood RCV well and 70% wanted to keep it or even expand it state-wide. Similar stats can be cited for cities across America that have implemented it. As I'm sure you know, in a 2025 study of City of Los Angeles voters, 72% thought the city was heading in the wrong direction. It would be in line with your mandate to enable the adoption of a voting system like Ranked Choice Voting which has much stronger buy-in from voters. 3. Lastly, there are some concerns that this could be costly, especially since the voting in the City of Los Angeles is somewhat entangled with the county. Off the bat, Ranked Choice Voting saves money - cities in California that use RCV currently save around \$5 million per election cycle with the elimination of costly multi-round elections. While there may be hurdles and cost associated with getting the county to upgrade VSAP to support Ranked Choice Voting, there are solutions. Redondo Beach, also a charter city in Los Angeles County, administered its Ranked Choice Voting elections using RCTab, an open source California state certified voting software, running on Hart Verity equipment - not using VSAP at all. There can be

intermediate solutions, and the long term cost savings vastly outweigh the short term speed bumps. If the City of Los Angeles leads the way, the other cities in Los Angeles County will likely follow suit, making the overall cost burden easier. Don't let perfect become the enemy of good. To wrap up, ranked choice voting is not experimental, it is a well tested voting system with positive democratic outcomes. It has been adopted in cities both across California (like San Francisco, Berkeley, and Redondo Beach) and in other states across the U.S. (like New York City, Minneapolis, and Salt Lake City). Let's add Los Angeles to that list. I implore you to give the voters of Los Angeles the choice by putting Ranked Choice Voting on the ballot, ideally this November. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Galgalo

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 09:00 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Hello- I'm reaching out to express my support and urge that the council members pass the charter reforms to place them on the November ballot. I specifically want to see the council expansion, ranked choice voting, more LAPD oversight and all 6 Controller recommendations especially an independent budget on the ballot. I think that there has been sufficient studies that support that these measures are ready for LA citizens to vote on. I urge you to put the citizens of Los Angeles first. I will be paying attention to what council members vote on when the time comes for re-election. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Colin Warn

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 09:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep rank choice voting, council expansion, and LAPD oversight. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nart Charuworn
Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:51 PM
Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing this off the heels of our June primaries so this is my step to keep involved. I love this city. Los Angeles is one of the most unique, diverse, and progressive citeis in the country. People dream to live here. This place is a beacon of hope to many millions. I want to keep our city as a beacon of hope, and one way to do that is an independent budget for our controller. We need to be, above all, responsible stewards of the funding taxpayers give to local government. A truly independent Controller provides that safeguard from corruption and ensures that trust between taxpaying citizen and local government. I urge you to please amend the charter so our Controller has an independent budget. That way, the Controller position can do their job ensuring our tax dollars are spent as indeeded, and we the public have full trust in our local leaders. Other things I want to see happen in Los Angeles: - Ranked Choice Voting - Expand the number of Council mjembers - More oversight of LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Virginia Van Nest

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing in support of the charter reform recommendations submitted by City Controller Kenneth Mejia, and I urge the Council to place them before voters on the November 2026 ballot rather than weakening or removing them. Specifically, I ask that you: 1. Preserve and advance the Controller's recommendations, including enshrining the Controller's fraud, waste, and abuse investigative duties in the City Charter (CRC 15) — not merely "note and file" it. 2. Designate the independently elected Controller as the City's Chief Financial Officer, rather than assigning CFO duties to the City Administrative Officer (CRC 13). Financial oversight should rest with an official accountable directly to voters, not an appointee who reports to the Council it is meant to oversee. 3. Allow voters to decide on the broader charter reforms headed for the November ballot, including council expansion, ranked choice voting, and increased LAPD oversight. These reforms strengthen transparency, independence, and accountability in city government. Angelenos deserve the opportunity to vote on them. Please pass them forward. Sincerely, Virginia Van Nest
Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Communication from Public

Name: Kaylee

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:53 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please support council expansion! We are a city of MILLIONS yet only have 15 council members to represent us! We also have an overblown budget for the LAPD and, as a tax payer, I want more oversight. There are too many officers with repeated issues who are still in the workforce and continuing to terrorize our communities. We now have an opportunity to get the LAPD to honor ordinances passed through city council. This is huge! Also please, for the love of LA, give us ranked choice voting. We ask people to vote when they feel theirs doesn't count. This will mitigate those fears and put the power back into the hands of the constituents. They will now get to vote based on ranked preference instead of a "lesser of two evils" option, which will boost voter turnout and help shape a better LA for Angelenos by Angelenos. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Colton Coty

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to bring all charter reform recommendations to public vote. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Reuben Ninan

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:21 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

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Communication from Public

Name: Cathleen Turner of West Adams

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 06:29 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I was a part of the civic panel of 100 Angelinos to make recommendations on changes to the city charter. We spend four days of our lives making the best decisions for Los Angeles as part of Healthy Democracy We collectively decided to expand city council. To at least 25 members. And we wanted the ballot to include a description saying expanding city council leads to better representation. And you dare kick this can to 2028? Shame on you. Your poor decision making is why we need to expand the council. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been spent on making an obvious decision and you DARE vote to waste more tax payers money? Voting against putting this on the 2026 ballot will be end of council members career who vote against this. The citizens will find out and we will be vocal about opposing your reelection. The DSA will no longer have any influence in Los Angeles politics. And you won't have a career in the city of Los Angeles. We were very decisive as a group and we wanted to expand city council. Angelinos deserves a vote on this ballot. I've already informed members of this civic assembly.

Communication from Public

Name: LIONEL MARES

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:03 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, For decades, young Angelenos have driven political movements that changed history. Now, with the official support of the LAUSD Board of Education, we're asking you to allow the full City Council to decide whether or not to allow Council to pass an ordinance that could lower the voting age to 16. Multiple Californian Charter cities, from Oakland, to Berkeley, to Albany, already allow young people to vote without legal or logistical problems. In fact, the LA County Registrar uses the same Election Management System software as Alameda County, making it especially easy to implement. And the empirical evidence for youth readiness to vote is clear: there is no scientific reason that 16-year-olds should be prohibited from voting. However, despite the LA Charter Reform Commission's 9 months of study, already executed research, and already prepared Charter language, the CLA's report says that further study is needed just for a Charter amendment that would allow Council to lower the voting age via ordinance. "Further study" just means further denial of the voting rights, and human rights, young Angelenos deserve. Let the full Council consider lowering the voting age, and let the voters decide. The Rules Committee has studied enough to pass this test of their belief in democratic values, and whether or not they believe young people should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Lionel Mares, MPA

Communication from Public

Name: Derrick Franco

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Good evening, Council Members I'm commenting here as a resident of Los Angeles in Highland Park to urge your strong, unequivocal support for the full package of structural reforms on your docket today. The council expansion, ranked choice voting, stronger LAPD oversight, and all six Controller recommendations, including critically an independent budget reform, are all not just abstract policy debates. These are the infrastructure of a true functioning democracy of the 21st century. But I want to speak especially about ranked choice voting, because this is a genuine moment for us and for our children. LA is the second largest city in the US, what we do here echoes nationally. Ranked choice voting is not a fringe idea any more. It is a proven, widely supported reform that fundamentally changes the incentive structure of politics and the money that has become so prevalent in skewing it. When candidates must appeal to a broader coalition to earn second and third-choice votes, they campaign differently. They stop demonizing opponents and they actually focus on trying to build bridges instead of bases. The result is less polarization, more substantive policy debate, and winners who actually reflect the will of the majority, not a plurality of a fractured electorate. New York City did it, Alaska did it for statewide races, and more and more cities and states across the country are moving this direction because voters are demanding it. Los Angeles has the opportunity to lead as the nation is looking for leaders. To show the nation that our democracy can be better by design, not just by accident and to be the model other cities point to when they make the case for reform. Delaying this is a choice to preserve a system that produces low-turnout elections, extremism-rewarding primaries, and winners most voters didn't actually prefer. And as I mentioned, I fully support the the rest of the reform packages: council expansion means more voices, smaller districts, and representatives who are actually accountable to neighborhoods. Stronger LAPD oversight means the department serves the public with transparency and consequence (as it must to regain the public's full support). And the Controller's six recommendations, especially an independent budget office, mean that Angelenos finally get an honest accounting of how their money is spent, free from political pressure. These reforms reinforce each other. They

point in the same direction: toward a city government that earns trust by being accountable, representative, and honest. Council Members, the moment to act is now. No more delays, no more excuses to push to more studies. Los Angeles and the country are watching. Please vote yes, without hesitation, on this full reform package. Thank you, Derrick Franco

Communication from Public

Name: Lillevenn Olsen

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT block the council expansion, ranked choice voting, or extra LAPD oversight charter reforms!! Give us the chance to vote on them!! - a highland park local

Communication from Public

Name: Silas

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I write today in favor of charter reform. We need an expanded city council urgently, as our current council members cannot properly see to their constituents and largely are representing areas too vast. Rank choice voting would ensure that the most approved of candidates get chosen to represent us. And we need as much oversight of the LAPD as possible to ensure they're keeping us safe and not putting us in harm's way or throwing our budget off due to being sued for misconduct.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:35 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting my comment in support of - Council expansion - Ranked choice voting - More LAPD oversight - All 6 Controller recommendations, especially an independent budget. An independent Controller budget means more accountability for City Hall I want my city to have a strong watchdog protecting my tax dollars. And the council must support these efforts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:41 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

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Communication from Public

Name: Hayes Blackwood

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of expanding the city council, ranked choice voting, and more LAPD oversight. I hope my council women Heather Hutt votes for these charter reforms. I hope all council members give a very detailed reason for their vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Devon S

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:20 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop fighting Council Reform. Everyday people of this city want more from the City Council. They want better representation from an expanded council. They want ranked choice voting to better let our representatives know what we want out of them. Please care more for the people of the city then the power of a small group within city hall.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Just a quick comment on Council Expansion: It needs to happen. Let the people vote on it. That creates more political will to actually get it done.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall Lawrenz

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 11:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of proposed charter amendments to 1) expand the council; 2) create ranked choice voting; 3) close loopholes & expand LAPD oversight. As the federal government continues to pull funding from essential public services, more constituents are in need of government advocacy and assistance at a local level. Broader representation will bring more voices to the table, encouraging council members to form coalitions and work together to address service needs in LA and ensure that SPA districts are adequately serviced. Ranked choice voting similarly encouraged coalitions in the recent NY Mayor race, and the result has been increased public engagement in government. But it is important, in a functioning democracy, for people to trust government and trust is broken when certain agencies operate without sufficient oversight to the detriment of vulnerable communities. The LAPD has demonstrated an unwillingness to operate with transparency, there is a lack of clarity about whether our sanctuary state protections are being followed by the agency, and the LAPD settlement crisis demonstrates that this agency is a liability that the taxpayers are bearing the brunt of. The cost to the county is hard to fully grasp, in part because the LA police commission has not received cooperation from the LAPD in its oversight role. Expanding the counsel creates a perfect opportunity to return police oversight to the people and allow policing to be shaped more heavily by the voices of the community members who currently are far more likely to cross paths with a member of the LAPD than a member of the City Council. The LAPD has a broad presence in LA, collects a large amount of civilian data, and receives significant funding—data in particular and the use of facial recognition technology, flock, and other understudied tech poses policy questions that require more council involvement. I am in support of chartering a people-first government approach. More representation, more transparency, more coalition-building. Less politicizing the issue and talking about agencies like anything but public servants. Public service is essential, but no public servant can refuse to discuss their work at taxpayer expense when the cost is astronomical and paid hand over fist in multi-million dollar settlements. [this statement reflects my personal political views based on personal experiences & is not being made on behalf of any group or

organization]

Communication from Public

Name: Devon Miller

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 08:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of FWD Studio (a worker-owned cooperative), I write to express our strong support for including worker-owned cooperatives within the City of Los Angeles Charter updates currently under consideration through Council File 26-0489. As Los Angeles undertakes its first comprehensive Charter revision in decades, the City has a rare opportunity to establish a framework that reflects contemporary economic realities and advances a more inclusive, resilient, and equitable local economy. We urge the City Council to amend Charter Section 371 to explicitly recognize worker-owned cooperatives as eligible public-benefit objectives within the City's procurement and business inclusion policies. Worker-owned cooperatives represent a proven economic model that prioritizes broad-based wealth creation, democratic ownership, local reinvestment, and long-term community stability. Unlike extractive business structures that concentrate decision-making authority and financial returns among a small group of stakeholders, worker cooperatives distribute ownership, governance, and economic benefits among the people whose labor creates value. This model strengthens local economies by keeping wealth circulating within communities, fostering quality jobs, encouraging civic participation, and increasing economic resilience during periods of uncertainty. Worker cooperatives also create meaningful opportunities for entrepreneurs, workers, and communities that have historically faced barriers to business ownership and wealth creation. By lowering dependence on outside investors and centering collective ownership, cooperatives offer a pathway toward more inclusive economic participation and shared prosperity. At the same time, establishing and sustaining a worker-owned cooperative often requires significant upfront investments of time, legal support, governance development, and capital. These startup and organizational costs can present substantial barriers to entry, particularly for emerging businesses and underserved communities. Including worker cooperatives within the City's procurement and business inclusion programs would provide an important mechanism for addressing these barriers by creating greater access to contracting opportunities and strengthening the long-term viability of cooperative enterprises. The City's existing procurement framework largely limits bid

preferences to geographic location and content requirements. While these priorities remain important, they do not fully reflect the broader public benefits that Los Angeles seeks to advance through its contracting policies. Explicitly recognizing worker-owned cooperatives would provide the City with greater flexibility to align procurement practices with goals related to economic inclusion, sustainability, community wealth building, and equitable development. We support the proposed amendment to Charter Section 371 that would authorize bid preferences for public-benefit objectives, including worker cooperatives, local economic impacts, domestic and recycled content, climate goals, and other sustainability measures. Such language would not mandate specific preferences but would empower the City to establish future ordinances and policies that recognize and reward business models generating measurable public value. This approach is consistent with emerging best practices across the country. Cities such as San Francisco have already taken meaningful steps to support worker cooperatives through policies that recognize their unique contributions to economic equity and community development. Los Angeles has the opportunity to build upon these efforts and become a national leader in advancing democratic and inclusive economic development through its Charter. At a time when many communities are seeking alternatives to increasingly extractive economic systems, Los Angeles has the opportunity to affirm models that generate shared prosperity, strengthen local economies, and build wealth that remains rooted in the communities where it is created. We respectfully urge the City Council to adopt Charter language that explicitly recognizes worker-owned cooperatives as eligible public-benefit objectives within City contracting and procurement policies. Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership in shaping a more equitable, democratic, and resilient economic future for Los Angeles. Sincerely, Devon Miller, RLA ASLA
FWD Studio

Communication from Public

Name: Bryant Andrade

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 09:46 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong Angeleno, I implore City Council to allow the following Charter reforms onto the general election ballot this coming November: Council Expansion, Ranked Choice Voting, and More LAPD Oversight. I believed these reforms would benefit every Angeleno. Council Expansion to be more representative of an ever growing constituency in our city. Ranked Choice Voting to encourage an electorate that is tired of “lesser evil voting” and wanting their voices heard in our elections. More LAPD Oversight to keep our ever-labile police force accountable from using city funds that would otherwise be better used in our schools and roads. While I have my personal reasons for supporting these Charter reforms, I believe it is necessary that every Angeleno AT LEAST has the option to vote on these reforms this coming November. It would be an absolute shame and a slap to the face of everyone in our city if these reforms were blocked from our ballots.

Communication from Public

Name: Abrahm Oxley-Hase

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 09:50 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing in support of four items. First, I strongly urge the city council members to give voter's the option to expand the city council to twenty-five members. With the current number of fifteen, each of you is responsible for over a quarter of a million Angelenos. Expanding the council to twenty-five allows us to lower that number to 155,000. This allows for council members to give that much more focus to specific communities within their council districts. Also, many of our communities are not geographically concentrated or populous enough to be the majority in a council district presently, but they may be once the council is expanded. This can help us achieve a more diverse council that more accurately reflects our multicultural populous. Second, I strongly urge the city to give voter's the option to adopt ranked choice voting. Los Angeles is a progressive city. Much of our debate of governance happens within a single party. This in combination leads to elections where the most consequential vote happens in the primary. This is a time when fewer voters are paying attention and is not a time when we should be making our most consequential decisions. Ranked choice voting allows for more third parties to field candidates without worrying about acting as a "spoiler candidate". This allows us to have a richer vareity of perspectives during our november elections, something that only benefits us. Third, I strongly urge the city to give voter's the option to increase the oversight over the LAPD. For too long, LAPD has acted not like they are enforcers of the law, but like they are individuals that are above the law. They take more and more of our budget all the while delivering fewer officers to us on the street. It is critical that the people of Los Angeles have law enforcement that they can trust and we don't. Giving council the ability to more directly oversee the department allows us to start rebuilding that trust. Fourth, I am writing in support of all six of the controller's office's recommendations, but particularly in support of an independent budget. Kenneth Mejia and his office have already found so much in savings for the city of Los Angeles. Giving them stable funding not only allows us to make sure the people of Los Angeles have their tax dollers well spent, it allows us get more for that money since less goes to fraud and waste. Thank you, Abrahm Oxley-Hase Resident of CD-13 | 90038

Communication from Public

Name: Natalia Beshantseva

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 07:01 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, My name is Natalia Beshantseva, and I live in District 14. I'm writing to you to urge you to support the Charter Reform proposal to give the Controller an independent budget of no less than 0.42% of the City's General Fund. This is important to me because the Controller should be able to watch over my tax dollars with true independence. An independent budget would ensure that the Controller can perform their watchdog duties over City Hall without risking political retaliation. I support the proposal to expand the number of City Council districts from 15 to 25, shrinking each district's size to about 160,000 residents each and enabling each council office to better focus on a smaller set of communities to serve. Don't delay putting expansion on the November 2026 ballot! Delaying council expansion will continue to reinforce distrust in local government and the perception that councilmembers are self-serving and want to hold power for themselves. Although we've passed Independent Redistricting as a city, Angelenos will not feel the effects of better representation if we continue to redistrict into giant constituencies of more than a quarter million people each. The districts are too large. You can change this. People of LA are tired of constantly waiting and beg for any change. Also, do not delay the reform to LAPD oversight. We spend a large chunk of the budget on the police, who do not serve the people of Los Angeles. LAPD reform is long overdue.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Vitale

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Ranked choice voting, expansion of the city council, and proper oversight and control of LAPD are crucial to this city's future. It will be the difference between us becoming a world class city that properly represents the people who reside in it, and one that is still stalling out before hitting that next tier. Ranked choice voting, expansion of the city council to meet representation levels like our peer cities of NYC, Chicago, and even per San Francisco when it comes to per capita representation, must not be delayed. Any delay of RCV, council expansion or LAPD oversight would be a major failure of our civic government.

Communication from Public

Name: Cameron Colony

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: The city council should proceed with the following charter reforms: Expansion of the City Council - The city of Los Angeles has a massive, diverse population and only 15 council members. This is incredibly inadequate, and the charter must be modified to allow for this council to properly represent the staggering number of people in this city. The people must be allowed to vote on this expansion, as the city council is inherently biased on this matter. Ranked Choice Voting - As other cities have shown, ranked choice voting allows for citizens to vote without fear of harming their cause. The current system allows for spoiler candidates and deceptive campaigns. Ranked choice, while a little more complicated, allows the people to rank their many options, allowing them continued representation if their favorite doesn't secure enough votes. It is essential that the people of Los Angeles are allowed to vote on this charter reform. Once again, the city council is biased and must allow this to be voted on by the citizens. Independent City Controller Budget - The city controller has demonstrated that this government's corruption and fraud can be located and exposed. It's a meager request to allow the city controller to operate as an independent agency with an independent budget. While this may not require a change in the charter, I believe it's important to root out corruption in government, reduce liability payouts (which come from taxpaying citizens), and fight fraudulent behavior on all levels. Please consider giving the city controller what they need to keep our city's government free from corruption. More LAPD Oversight - The LAPD is a grossly overbudgeted and corrupt organization. Helicopters are flown at all hours, at taxpayer expense, with no positive effect on solving or preventing crime. Officers brutalize rallygoers, protesters, and press alike, leading to multimillion dollar payouts. The only way to ensure that this organization is kept in line is to reform the charter, allowing for civilian oversight of the LAPD. The corruption and abuse of authority cannot continue. The city council must allow the people to decide whether this should be included in charter reform. This decision should not be left to the inadequately proportioned city council.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:36 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: We don't need "further study" for ranked choice voting. It has been integrated seamlessly in diverse locations all over the country, so we know it can work here too. Let the voters decide in November. Don't kill it bureaucratically. The people of LA should have the final say.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a CD 5 resident who wants an enlarged council and more accountability for LAPD through the charter reform process.
Listen to Angelenos!

Communication from Public

Name: Emmanuel Carrera Ruedas

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:47 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Greetings, I am writing here to advise the council to preserve the charter reforms which include council expansion, ranked choice voting, and more LAPD oversight. There needs to be more accountability on the city level to ensure that voices are properly represented. Especially given the results of the most recent election, there is a clear need for a more nuanced way of representing the voices of the residents of the city of Los Angeles. I urge the council to allow this to move forward in the upcoming election, as with these measures, we will be able to have a more fair system in our city. Best wishes, Emmanuel Carrera Ruedas

Communication from Public

Name: LIONEL MARES

Date Submitted: 06/11/2026 10:48 PM

Council File No: 26-0489

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, We have waited long enough for the following four LA Forward charter reform priorities. Please do not delay these to future committees. Pass these to full Council now, for inclusion on the November ballot: Expand the number of City Council Districts from 15 to 25 Allow the Chief of Police to remove officers with repeated histories of harm Ensure LAPD honors ordinances passed through normal City Council processes Additionally, although there were initial calls to action for a bifurcation or trifurcation of the Office of the City Attorney's responsibilities, we heard some council members express the need for more runway to fully reimagine the City Attorney's office. For now, we believe a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office is possible, via the creation of an Office of Legislative Counsel, which can handle the drafting of legislation for City Council. Thus, this makes up our fourth priority reform: Creating an Office of Legislative Counsel, to handle the drafting of legislation that is currently assigned to the City Attorney's office; this is a first step toward reimagining the City Attorney's office At LA Forward, we are excited about the opportunity to update the City Charter. We believe that part of the goal of charter reform is to strengthen trust between Angelenos and their local government. By strengthening representation through council expansion; clarifying authority to hold LAPD accountable; and depoliticizing the City Attorney's Office through the creation of an Office of Legislative Council, we believe we can do exactly that: continue to rebuild trust with the larger public. We hope the recommendations above are ones you can support for inclusion in the November ballot. Thank you, Lionel Mares, MPA